

Annual Town Report 2015 Abington Police Department

In preparation for the police department's 2015 Annual Town Report to the citizens of Abington, I reviewed my first report as your Chief of Police in 2004 to see what, if anything, has changed and to determine if the department's mission statement is being upheld. It is my belief that our original aim of upholding all human rights, protecting the citizens we serve, and working alongside the citizens with respect and compassion are still the cornerstones of our day to day work. The "Community Partners" philosophy is fully integrated into everything we do at the department and will continue to determine the direction that we take in years to come.

Unfortunately due to the turbulent economic times that we have been through over the last decade, the department continues to struggle with staffing issues. However with this being said, I am extremely happy to report that though the efforts of Deputy Chief Christopher Cutter and Lieutenant Kevin Sullivan, the department was able to secure a three year federal funded grant for two School Resource Officers. I am hopeful that these additional officers will be hired, fully trained, and in place working with the students of our school district within the next eighteen months. I would like to personally thank the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, School Superintendent and all members of the School Committee for supporting this grant. I truly look forward to working with all of them as we navigate through implementing this exciting opportunity for our district families and students.

Additionally, the Northeast continues to be plagued with the prescription drug and heroin epidemic that started to emerge more than a decade ago. Fortunately, for a few months during the summer, we were able to temporally assign an officer to the typically unstaffed Detective Division. In the short time that Detective Kevin Cutter was assigned to the division, he along with other members of the department, were able to work together at combating this issue. As a result of all of their combined efforts, drug arrests went from 45 in 2014 to 132 in 2015. This almost 300% increase reveals the staggering problem in this region. While we cannot arrest our way out of this issue, many of the individuals we arrested went on to receive treatment for their addictions. Furthermore, they were unable to continue to sell drugs to the citizens of Abington. I believe that long term drug enforcement, compassionate treatment for addicts, and comprehensive education for our youth are the weapons we can use to effectively battle this epidemic.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the officers of the department, the various boards, and the residents of the town for their continued support. I am extremely proud of the officers of the Abington Police Department and look forward to serving the townspeople as their police chief for years to come.

IBR Police Statistics for 2013

Offense	Frequency
Forcible Rape	2
Statutory Rape	1
Aggravated Assault	26

Simple Assault	85
Intimidation	33
Robbery	2
Arson	0
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	120
Larceny	146
Fraud (all types)	34
Motor Vehicle Theft	16
Counterfeit/Forgery	15
Drug Narcotic Violations	132
Weapons Law Violations	6
Disorderly Conduct	12
Driving Under the Influence / Liquor Law Violations	74
Destruction of Property	124

Sincerely,

David G. Majenski
Chief of Police